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Bifurcation of the Ganjam District Board.

* 653 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Ganjam District Board is being bifurcated;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have taken into consideration the fact that a good portion of Ganjam district will go to the new Province of Orissa owing to the impending new Reforms;

(*c*) whether the bifurcation is made to suit the convenience of transferring away the portion to be added to the new Orissa Province;

(*d*) what the annual normal income and expenditure of the Ganjam District Board are;

(*e*) what the headquarters would be of the bifurcated District Boards of Ganjam and what the anticipated normal income and expenditure of the bifurcated District Boards of Ganjam district are; and

(*f*) how many district boards are likely to survive in the districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam after portions of the district have been transferred to the new Orissa Province and what they are?

A.—(*a*) The old Ganjam District Board was bifurcated with effect from the 20th January 1936.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The bifurcation was ordered mainly in view of the transfer.

(*d*) A. *General account*—

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Normal receipts after deducting contribution to Elementary Education Fund ...	9,20,250
Normal expenditure	8,85,000
B. *Elementary Education account*—	
Normal receipts (including contribution from general funds)	4,25,920
Normal expenditure	4,16,000

(*e*) Chatrapur and Chicacole. The normal budgets of the proposed district boards have been received from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards and are under the consideration of Government.

(*f*) Three.

Programme of bifurcation of district boards during the year 1936.

* 654 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what the districts are which are to be bifurcated in the near future and in the course of 1936?

A.—Attention is invited to the Press Communiqué, dated 15th January 1936, on the subject.

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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I know whether any definite programme has been laid down with regard to the districts that are to be taken up shortly for bifurcation? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Each district will be examined and then a decision taken."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" How many districts have so far been taken up for examination? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I have stated in answer to a previous question that four districts in Northern Circars and three districts in the South were taken up some time back. Since then no further district has been taken up, and Government are examining the position with reference to all the district boards."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—" Is it not necessary to bifurcate all the district boards in view of the fact that taluk boards have been abolished and it is practically impossible for one man to carry on the administration of a district board? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I am afraid I cannot answer a general question like that. We shall consider the conditions of each case."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" What are the four districts in the northern area and the three in southern area which are mentioned by the Minister? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" They have been stated more than once on the floor of the House. The four districts in the North are, West Godavari, East Godavari, Kistna and Nellore. The three districts in the South are, Coimbatore, Malabar and the Nilgiris."

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—" May I know whether these districts are financially fit to be bifurcated? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The examination has not yet been concluded; we are examining the question."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" Is there any proposal to appoint a special officer to examine the financial aspects of the question? "

The Hon. the President:—" The answer is there."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" May I know if a senior civilian will be appointed in order to examine the financial conditions of the district boards? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" A member of the Provincial Civil Service will be appointed."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" Is it not preferable to appoint a senior Civilian in a matter like this, a European Civilian? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Government feel that the matter can be well attended to by a member of the Provincial Civil Service."